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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2347

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (CODEL IPU)

SUBJ: CODEL IPU

REF: STATE 52359

1. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, GSL ORGANIZERS OF IPU MEETING HAVE LEFT ONLY ONE NIGHT, APRIL 4, OPEN TO HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN HONOR IPU PARTICIPANTS. DIPLOMATIC CORPS HAS DECIDED THERE WILL BE NO JOINT RECEPTION BUT THAT EACH HEAD OF MISSION WILL ENTERTAIN RESPECTIVE DELEGATION. THIS MEANS MOST RESIDENT AMBASSADORS WILL BE ENTERTAINING OWN DELEGATIONS ON SAME NIGHT AND COMPETING FOR AVAILABLE CEYLONese GUESTS.

2. IN THIS SITUATION AND IN VIEW IMPROBABILITY HAVING MANY HEADS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, AMB CONSIDERED THERE FAR BETTER CHANCE OF OBTAINING CEYLONese OF INTEREST TO CODEL AT DINNER THAN BY GIVING ONE OF SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC RECEPTIONS THAT WILL BE GOING ON APRIL 4. ACCORDINGLY, HE HAS PLANNED GIVE LARGE BUFFET-DINNER FOR US DELEGATION, HIGH RANKING GSL OFFICIALS, AND OTHER CEYLONese.

3. PRELIMINARY INFO ON PROGRAM FOR OTHER NIGHTS IS AS FOLLOWS: APRIL 1, RECEPTION BY UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA; APRIL 2, RECEPTION BY PRIME

MINISTER; APRIL 3, CULTURAL PAGEANT; APRIL 5, DINNER
BY SPEAKER OF NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY. MEMBERS OF
CODEL AND WIVES WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY MEET OTHER
IPU DELEGATIONS SOCIALLY AT THESE GSL FUNCTIONS.

4. CODEL MAY WISH CONSIDER POSTPONING DEPARTURE
FROM COLOMBO IN ORDER ATTEND APEAKER'S DINNER
APRIL 5.

5. PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE (TO REACH
HERE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS COLOMBO TIME MARCH 11)
GIVING CODEL'S CONCURRENCE FOR DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE IN LIEU RECEPTION REQUESTED REFTEL.
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